

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and the same are rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 15, and 20 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuka et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,201,771. (Examiner's Action, page 2, ¶ 2). The Examiner states that Otsuka discloses every element of all of Applicant's claims.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 15, and 20 to more clearly distinguish the present invention from Otsuka.

Otsuka discloses only that the information providing apparatus provides its own content, which may be downloaded to a recording medium. Otsuka does not disclose accepting an electronic document from a mobile computer. Furthermore, Otsuka does not disclose determining a price for accepting the electronic document or for transferring the electronic document to print media. The fee disclosed in Otsuka is for downloading information to a removable recording medium.

Applicant's independent claims 1, 15, and 20, as amended include accepting and a communication interface configured to accept an electronic document from a mobile computer.

In view of Applicant's arguments with respect to independent claims 1, 15, and 20 being allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), a marked-up version of the claims amended by this response is attached hereto.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

No new matter has been added.

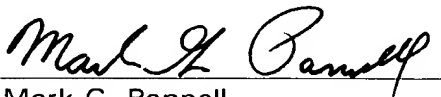
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It is further submitted that the application as amended defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (amended) A method for transferring an electronic document from a mobile computer to print media in exchange for payment, the method comprising:

- (a) discovering payment account information;
- (b) accepting an electronic document from the mobile computer;
- (c) transferring the electronic document to print media;
- (d) determining a price for accepting the electronic document and transferring the electronic document to print media; and,
- (e) executing a payment transaction with the payment information, at the determined price.

7. (amended) The method of claim 1 further including responsive to discovering the payment account information, activating [the] an output apparatus to accept the electronic document and transfer the electronic document to print media.

8. (amended) An output apparatus for transferring an electronic document from a mobile computer to print media in exchange for payment, the system comprising:

- (a) a point of service terminal configured to discover payment account information;
- (b) a communication interface configured to accept an electronic document from the mobile computer;
- (c) a transcriber configured to transfer the electronic document to print media;
- (d) a tabulator configured to determine a price for accepting the electronic document and transferring the electronic document to print media; and,
- (e) an invoicer configured to execute a payment transaction with the payment information, at the determined price.

15. (amended) A program storage system readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps for transferring an electronic document from a mobile computer to print media in exchange for payment, the method steps comprising:

- (a) discovering payment account information;
- (b) accepting an electronic document from the mobile computer;
- (c) transferring the electronic document to print media;
- (d) determining a price for accepting the electronic document and transferring the electronic document to print media; and,
- (e) executing a payment transaction with the payment information, at the determined price.

20. (amended) The program storage system of claim 15 wherein the method steps further include responsive to discovering the payment account information, activating [the] an output apparatus to accept the electronic document and transfer the electronic document to print media.